

# BOND STEEL FENCE POST CO.,

ADRIAN, MICH.

MADE OF PLATE STEEL PRESSED COLD.



Top of  
Line  
Post.



Bottom  
of Line  
Post.



Bottom  
of Corner.  
Post.



Side Elevation of Corner Post.



Front Elevation of Line Post.



Rear Elevation of Line Post.

WILL HOLD ANY WIRE FENCE.

Cheapest, Because it is the Best.

Finest Bessemer Steel, Rolled Specially for Our Use.

Agt.

# Did You Mail That Letter?



## GOVERNMENT CONTRACT FOR FOUR YEARS !

Yes ! the Postmaster General notified us this 16th day of February, 1897, that "The Contract for furnishing all the Posts for U. S. Mail and Package Boxes was given to us.—Contract to begin July 1st, 1897, and continue for four years."

The Post is simply two of our Line Posts, cut off, and riveted together.

It might be fair to state in regard to this Award, that the Postmaster General advertised for "sealed proposals," to furnish above mentioned Posts, and *competition* was open to the *whole world*; also, that almost everything in the line of Metal Posts was entered, and put in their bid. A Committee of Experts then opened the bids and carefully examined the Posts. They had no sooner got their eyes on the BOND POST than it was a foregone conclusion that we were to get the contract. It was a "touch down" for us. Merit won.



Our Posts, Bracing and Anchorage are all fully protected by Patents or Patents are applied for. *Agents* will please call our attention to any seeming infringements.

# HITCHING POST.



Made of two Bessemer Steel plates, one eighth inch thick, with feet on the bottom, and looks just like a Bond Steel End Post, only there is a three inch ring of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch round iron welded into the top. Weighs 37 pounds, and will surprise you with its wonderful strength. The edges are ground so as to smooth them. Price, \$2.00 each.



## GATE POSTS

are the same as End Posts, but the *setting* is different, because we send for all small gates up to six feet, a plank with notches in each end to go between bottom ends, also a  $\frac{5}{8}$  rod with a turnbuckle to draw them together just below the surface of the ground. At a gate this plank and turnbuckle takes the place of one set of anchorage, so there is no extra charge.

Give us a diagram and we will write you full instructions.

Always give size of Gate and we will send right size bracing.



The covering we now use to prevent corrosion is the result of a vast amount of study and experimenting, and we confidently believe that it will outlast any wire fence. It is not a paint, and is by far better than what we first used. See "HOLD UP'S" for complete description.



## "TEST IT! TRY IT! BUY IT!"

See below what The Musgrave Company, (a corporation with One Hundred Thousand Dollars Capital), say of the

### BOND STEEL FENCE POSTS

and mind you, they say it after a thorough test, and by a practical fence man, Mr. Geo. H. Huffman, Treasurer of the Company:

DES MOINES, IOWA, April 4, 1896.

*The Bond Steel Post Co., Adrian, Mich.:*

GENTLEMEN.—We desire to commend the Bond Steel Post to everyone interested in fencing. Experience teaches everybody that in order to have a solid fence it is necessary to have a solid foundation, and we know from actual test that the Bond Post will maintain a strain far superior to Page fence, which is conceded by all fence men to be the strongest fence to hold that is manufactured. We believe it to be the strongest post made; it is certainly the strongest we have ever seen, and we can only say to all: Test it! Try it! Buy it!

THE MUSGRAVE COMPANY.

Per E. C. MUSGRAVE, President.



## WHEN STRETCHING FENCE

to a *high braced* End Post, hitch stretcher to Post about eighteen inches above ground, put on the clamp bar so that when the proper tension is secured, that the bar will be at least six feet short of the Post, and so as not to come quite to bottom of braces, then pull up each wire with hand stretcher and attach to the Post. The Brace Clip on each End Post rests under the third rivet on flange. On Corner Post, clip rests under second pair of rivets on side of Post.

## PRICE LIST.



7½ foot Line Posts for Farm or Railroads, 60c each.  
7½ foot End and Gate Posts, each \$3.25 including one set of either high or under-ground bracing.

7½ foot Corner Posts, each \$4.00, including two sets of either high or underground bracings.

Light Stays for four or five foot fence, 15c each.

"Above Ground Posts," made on same die as Posts, (each weighing nearly six pounds), 25c each.

Above prices are F. O. B. Adrian, Michigan.

We manufacture Posts any length up to twelve feet. Prices furnished on application.

We punch or slot Posts to suit any fence, on order, without extra charge.



## What is the Bond Steel Fence Post ?

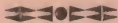
*"Simply this and nothing more."*

A wedge shaped piece of finest rolled Bessemer Steel, seven feet and six inches long and one-eighth inch thick, 8½ inches wide at the bottom and 3½ inches at the top.

It is punched with as many slots and at any distance apart as there are wires in the fence. Then with one stroke of the die the center is pressed into a V shape, lengthwise, then the outer edges are turned out, making another V shape at the turn, and with a different angle, and each angle is rounded.

The construction of the post is such that the strength of three distinct rounded angles of steel receive any force, strain or blow that it might be required to sustain.

The bottom is now slit up two inches at each angle, and the four feet are turned out at right angles.



## Bond Steel Fence End, Gate or Corner Post ?

Only above and something more.

That is, two ordinary line posts with the addition of a straight, tapering extra plate of same thickness steel, strongly riveted between the two. This gives the strength of eight angles, plus the straight sheet standing edgewise.



# Above Ground Posts.



We are now manufacturing a post to be used in the place of stays. They are made of No. 17 gauge Bessemer Steel, same size as the top end of Line Posts, and shaped on the same dies. This Post has feet turned out same as on posts. They are slotted for wires just the same as our other posts, and when they are placed in position, present the same appearance.

We also make a "Stay," which is simply a piece of No. 17 Bessemer Steel of equal size the whole length, and pressed into a V shape, and flanges turned out. This "stay" is slotted to receive the wires same as posts, and may or may not rest upon the ground. This Stay adds beauty and strength to a wire fence.

There is already a great demand for both of the above described Posts and Stays, and scarce an order for Posts comes to hand but what more or less of them are ordered.

We manufacture and keep on hand several styles of Fence Stays.

I. L. Sawin, writing from Birds Eye, Ind., March 10th, 1896, says: "Am doing some business with your Posts, and they have proved highly satisfactory in every case, and those that used them think the Page fence would not be complete without them."

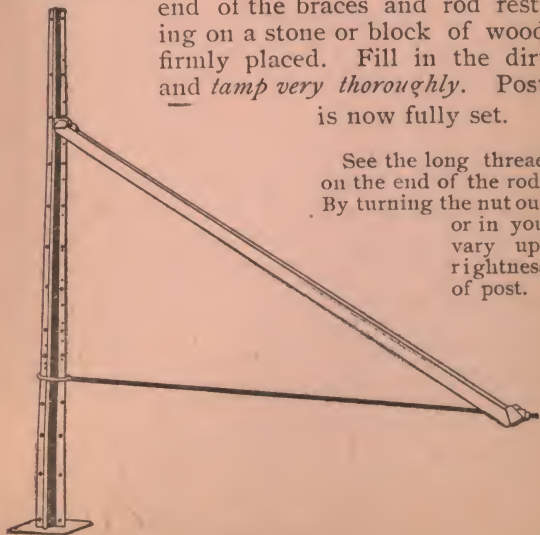
Wishing you much deserved success, I am

Yours truly,

I. L. SAWIN.

THIS CUT shows very plainly the manner of using our *high steel brace* with an End Post. Dig the hole only as large as the anchor plate, set the post so that the lowest fence wire hole is two inches above the ground, drop the anchor plate over the post down *closely onto the feet*. The grooved breast plate is placed on fence side, at bottom of the Post, to keep it from drawing through the ground. Place the loop on the  $\frac{5}{8}$  rod on the post extending in the direction of fence-line, and this rod when *finally adjusted* should be horizontal, and just above the surface of the ground. The fence wires are now attached to the post, the castings and bracings adjusted, one on either side of the fence wires, the post leaning back about three inches, and the far end of the braces and rod resting on a stone or block of wood firmly placed. Fill in the dirt and *tamp very thoroughly*. Post is now fully set.

See the long thread on the end of the rod. By turning the nut out or in you vary uprightness of post.



## A PIONEER.

1351 18th St., DETROIT, MICH., }  
November, 1896. }

*Bond Steel Fence Post Co., Adrian, Mich.:*

GENTLEMEN.—Enclosed I hand you draft to balance account, and would add that I had the honor of using and setting the first shipment of Posts that you sent out after commencing to manufacture Steel Fence Posts, one year ago last May. They were used on the premises of Ex-Senator Thos. W. Palmer, and after using over 500 of them, can say that they have given the best of satisfaction among the customers, and that they cannot be too highly recommended to those in need of the best, cheapest and most durable fence Post on the market.

Respectfully yours,

W. D. WITHINGTON,  
Agent Page Woven Wire Fence.

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## TURN ANYTHING.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Aug. 4, '96.

*Bond Steel Fence Post Co., Adrian, Mich.:*

GENTLEMEN.—At Ripley, Tenn., a few days ago we erected 40 rods of the celebrated Page fence on your excellent Steel Corner Posts. They are as easily erected as an air castle, as neat as a maid of Lexington, and stronger than the ties of youthful love. We believe they will hold a fence that will turn a bull, a horse, a jackass, or even an English syndicate.

Wishing you great success, I am

Very truly,

ROBERT COWAN.



# DIRECTIONS !



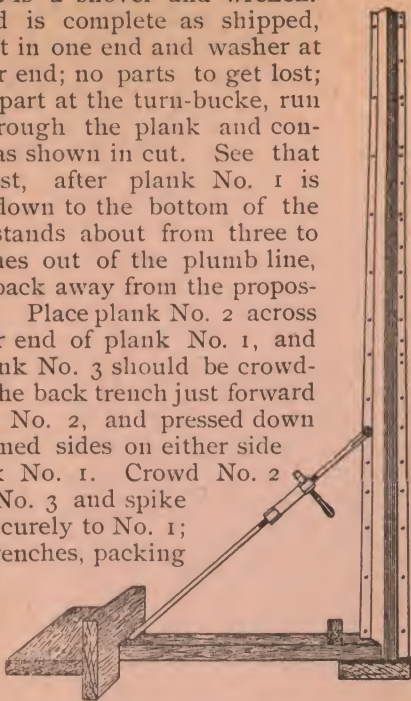
## For Placing the Bond Steel Fence Post Under-Ground Anchorage and Bracing.

No number will be on our planks, but for convenience we will call the one with the notch in the end No. 1. The plain plank across it, No. 2. The one with block cut out of center, No. 3.

Place End Post on surface of ground at the place where you propose to set it; then place plank No. 1 on the feet of the Post, with the cleat near the Post on the upper side, in exact line and on the opposite side of the post from the line of the proposed fence. Place middle of plank No. 2 across and above the end of plank No. 1, with the edge farthest from the Post even with the outer edge of plank No. 1. Take spade and cut close to planks No. 1 and 2, as a pattern for your excavation. When the trenches are the proposed depth, place the small 10x12 plank in the bottom of same, so that the Post will stand upon it; the upper surface of short plank should be on a level with the bottom of the trench.

Cut on opposite page shows our Improved Low Brace and Anchorage, with a turn-buckle on the brace-rod, which will be found especially useful in very hard or very soft ground. If you find on stretching your fence from this Post, that you are not able to pull it up plumb, you can let it over by unscrewing the turn-buckle, or in case you should pull it over too much, then just slack up on your pull; turn up the turn-buckle, pull your Post back, and place it just where you wish it. Please notice that all the tools required to set

this Post is a shovel and wrench. This rod is complete as shipped, with bolt in one end and washer at the other end; no parts to get lost; take it apart at the turn-buckle, run it up through the plank and connect it, as shown in cut. See that your Post, after plank No. 1 is pushed down to the bottom of the trench, stands about from three to four inches out of the plumb line, leaning back away from the proposed fence. Place plank No. 2 across the outer end of plank No. 1, and then plank No. 3 should be crowded into the back trench just forward of plank No. 2, and pressed down with framed sides on either side of plank No. 1. Crowd No. 2 against No. 3 and spike No. 2 securely to No. 1; fill up trenches, packing the dirt securely and Post will be set per-



manently for any fence you may wish to attach to it. For setting the Corner Post follow same instructions, except that you will use the *longer* brace rod and bottom plank on the V side, allowing the 2d No. 1 plank to lay on 1st No. 1 at their Post ends. With those exceptions, follow same instructions as given for End Post.

NOTE.—In hard clay ground you may have to excavate in the front side of back trench to give room for No. 3 plank.

# You Can't Get Strength

without weight. Bond Intermediate or Line Posts weigh eighteen (18) pounds each.

Bond End, Corner and Gate Posts used with underground Bracing and Anchorage weigh about 74 pounds each.

Bond End Corner and Gate Posts used with high Bracing weigh from 50 to 60 pounds.

Any BOND Post is complete in one piece; no staples or other extras.

Every Line Post is anchored in the ground; cannot be driven or pulled up.

The Dip Coating is applied at a temperature of four hundred (400) degrees, and we believe it is absolutely indestructible.

And are in use by over seven hundred (700) farmers.

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Office of Page Woven Wire Fence Co., }  
ADRIAN, MICH., April 16, 1895. }

*Messrs. Bond Post Co., Adrian, Mich.:*

GENTLEMEN:—We esteem it a pleasure to certify that to the best of our knowledge (and we have taken considerable time and been to considerable expense to investigate the claims of many others), you have the most satisfactory metal post yet offered on the American market.

Believing that the merits of your goods and the industry shown in getting ready to meet the public want, and courteous treatment of enquirers so far, entitle you to the success we wish you, we are

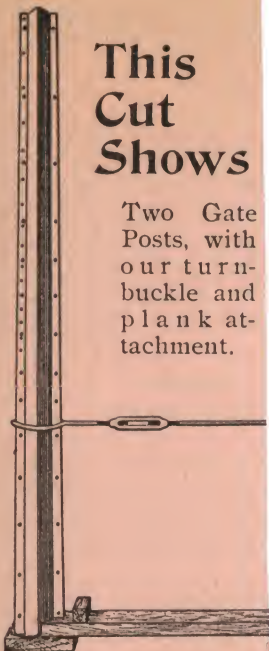
Yours respectfully,

PAGE WOVEN WIRE FENCE CO.,

J. WALLACE PAGE, Pres.

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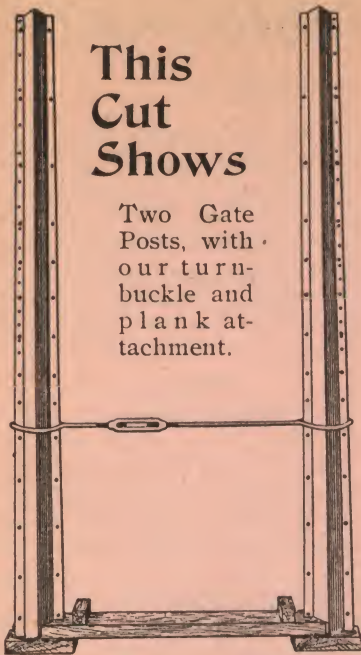
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over the Post before any wires are attached.

The turn-buckle is put on to draw the tops of the Posts together or let them apart, and should be used as high on Posts as practicable.

Wherever this Gate brace attachment is ordered we send it, and one set of high or low bracing, as ordered, with each pair of Gate Posts.

We would be pleased to write fuller or more complete instructions on application.